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## THE HEDGEHOG



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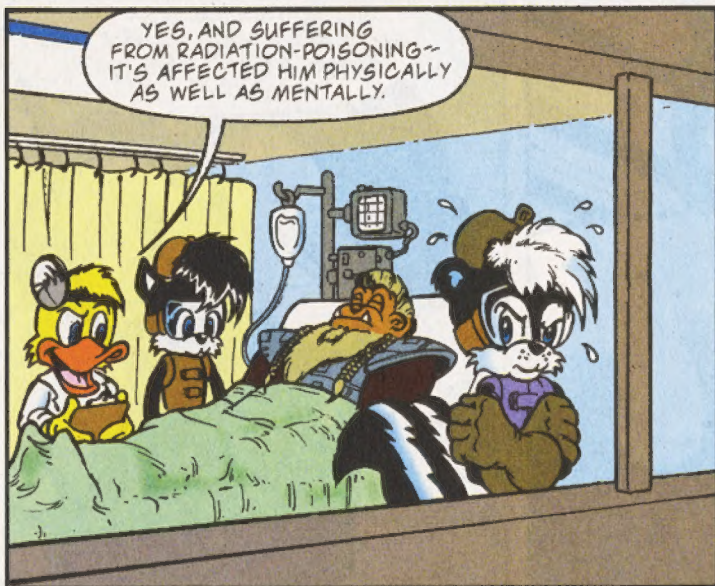
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KNOTHOLE KINGDOM.

KODOS WAS UNCONSCIOUS OUTSIDE WHEN YOUR STAFF FOUND HIM, QUACK?

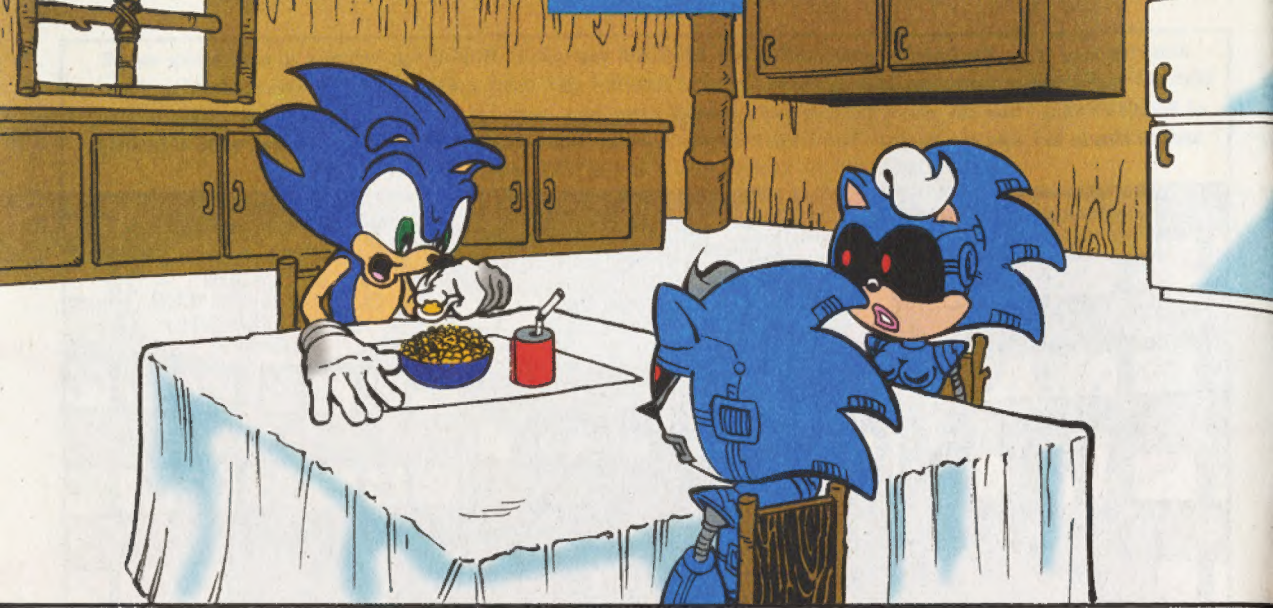
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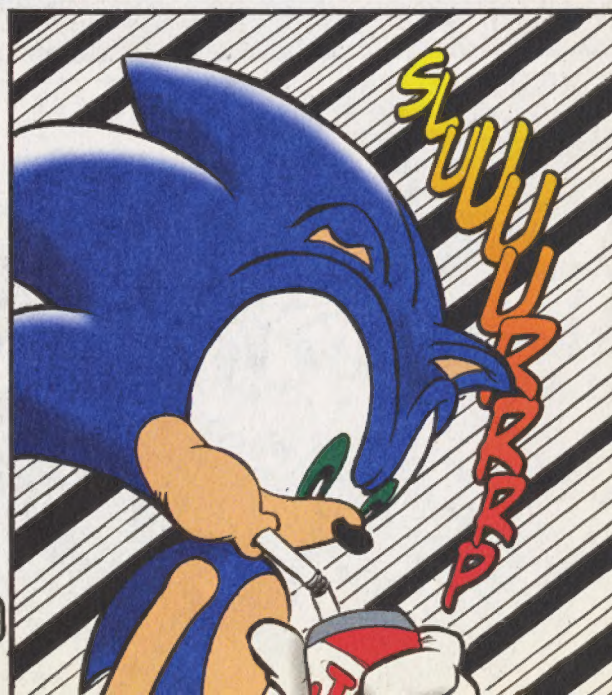
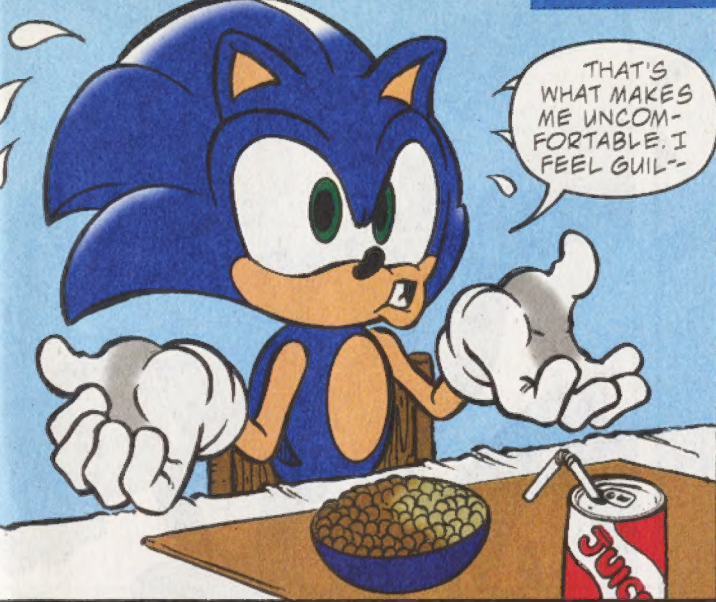


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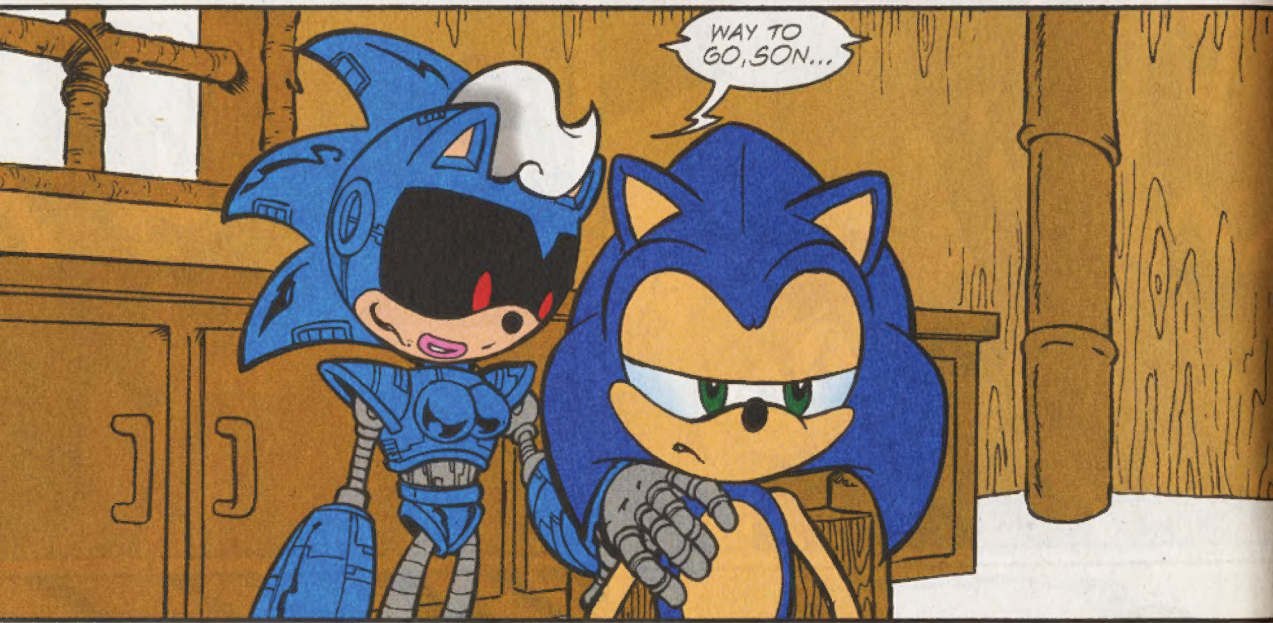






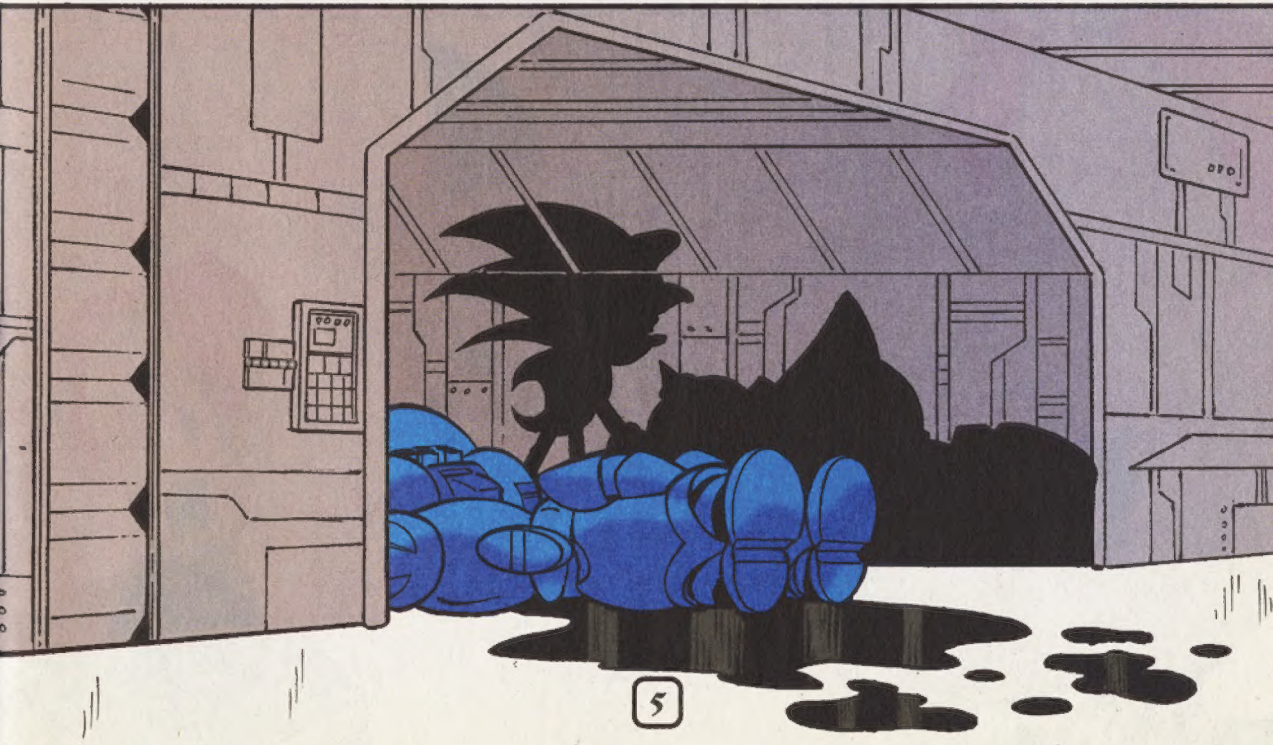
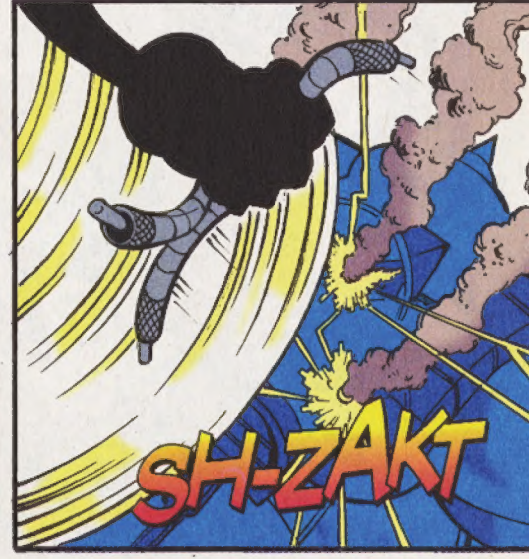
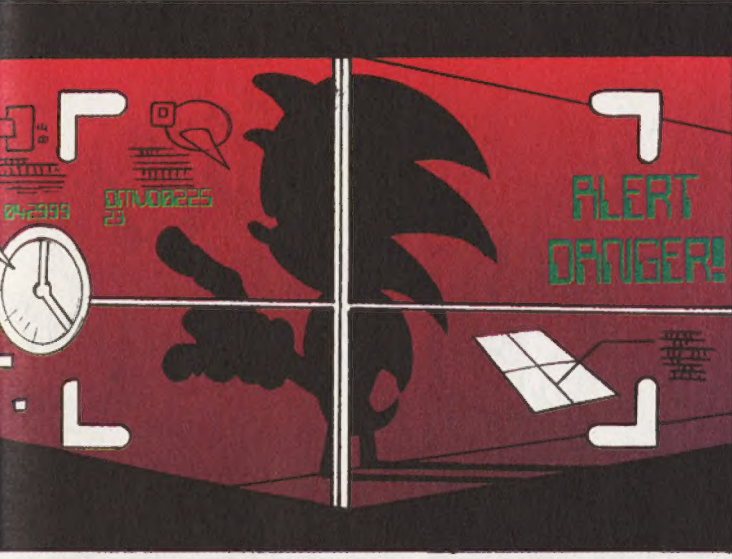
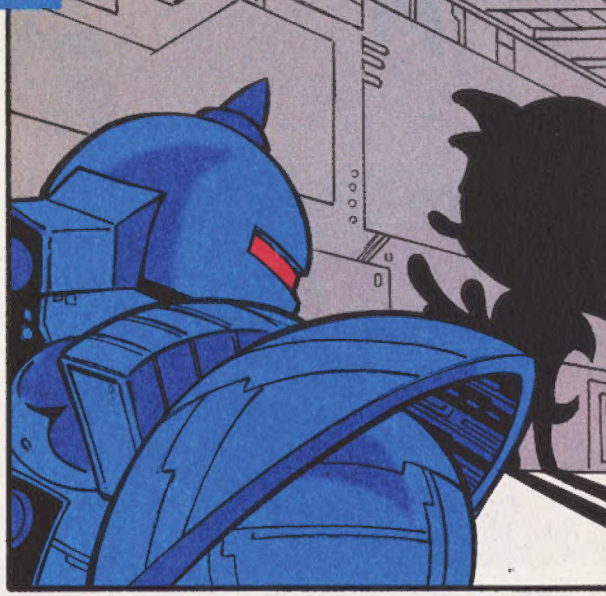
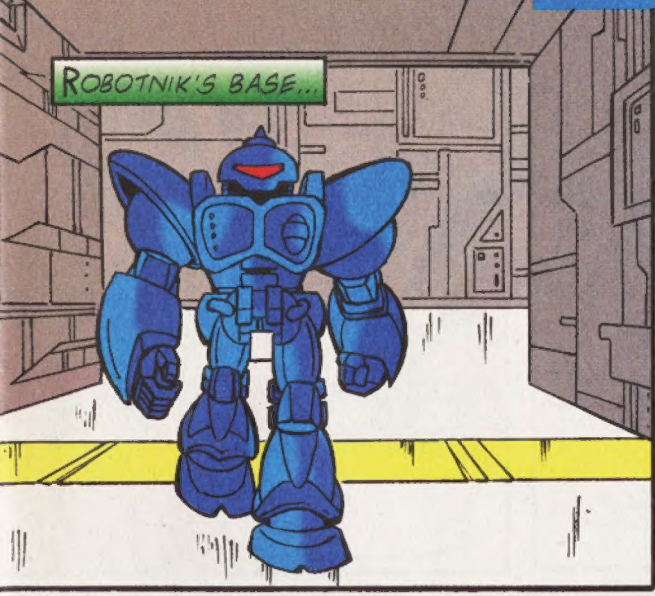








ROBOTNIK'S BASE..







WE'RE STILL TRYING TO ASCERTAIN HOW KODOS GOT HERE, SIR!

KEEP ME INFORMED OF YOUR PROGRESS.



WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND OTHER POSSIBLE LEADS.



I CAN'T WAIT TO VISIT SONIC AND THE GANG!

I'LL JOIN YOU LATER, HERSHEY...



I'LL PROVIDE YOU AN ESCORT, PRINCESS-- KODOS' ALLIES MIGHT BE LURKING ABOUT.

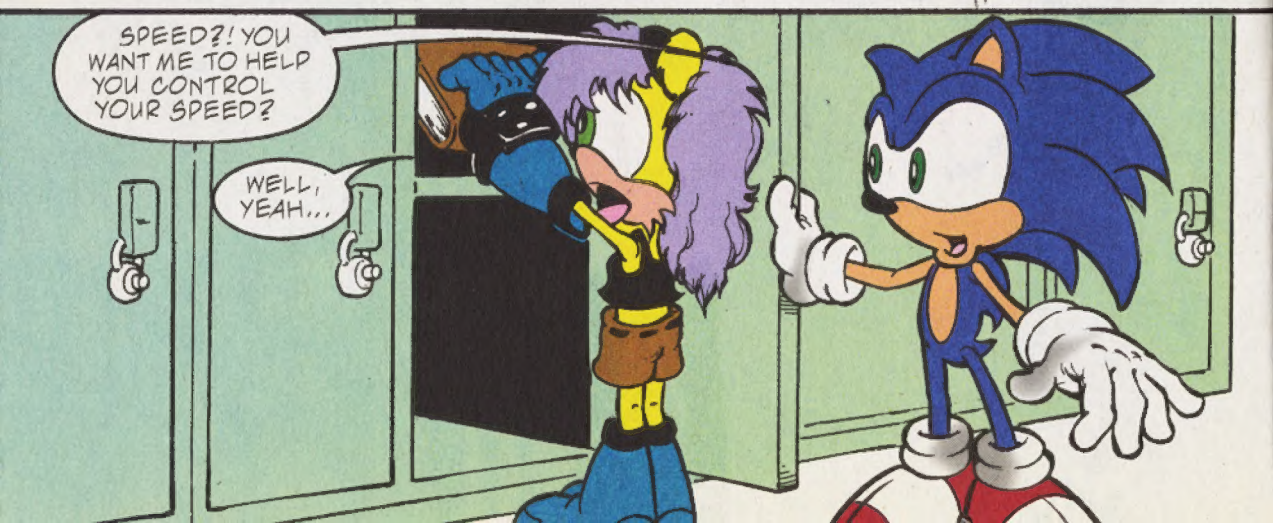
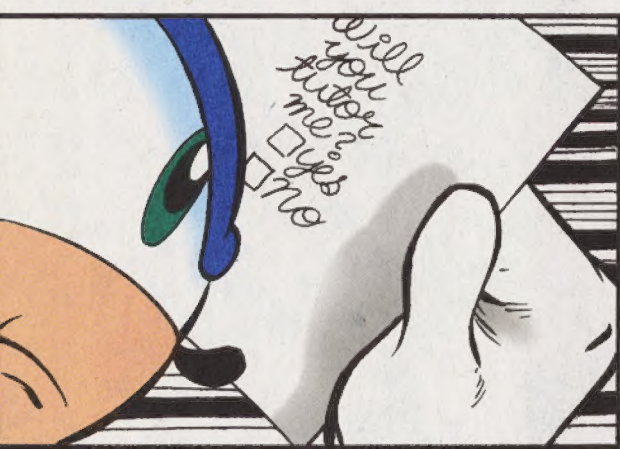
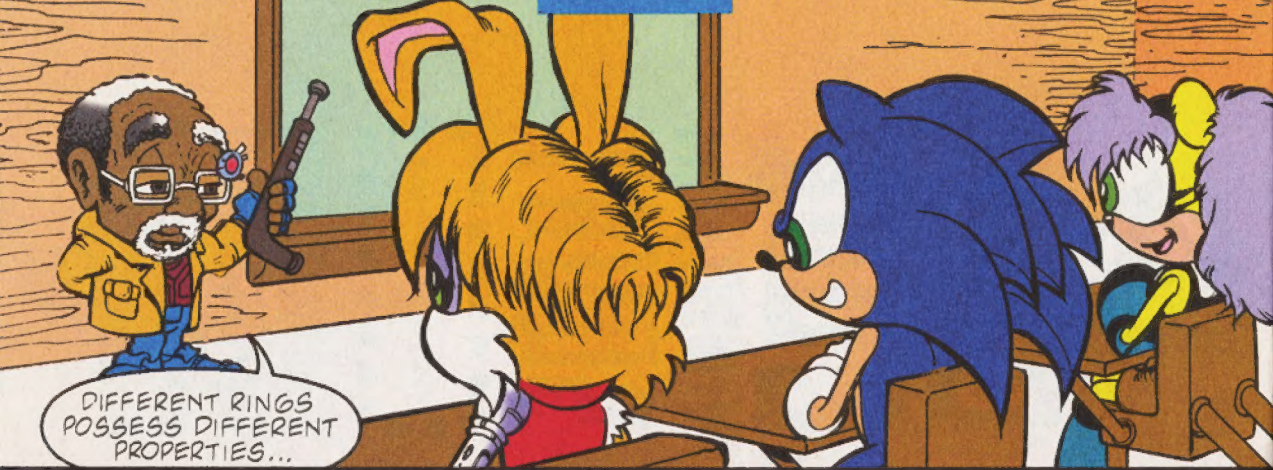


UHH... HOW ABOUT WHEN IT'S NOT SO DANGEROUS, THEN.



SORRY, GEOFFREY... BUT THIS IS A TRIP I HAVE TO MAKE ALONE. BUT HOW?









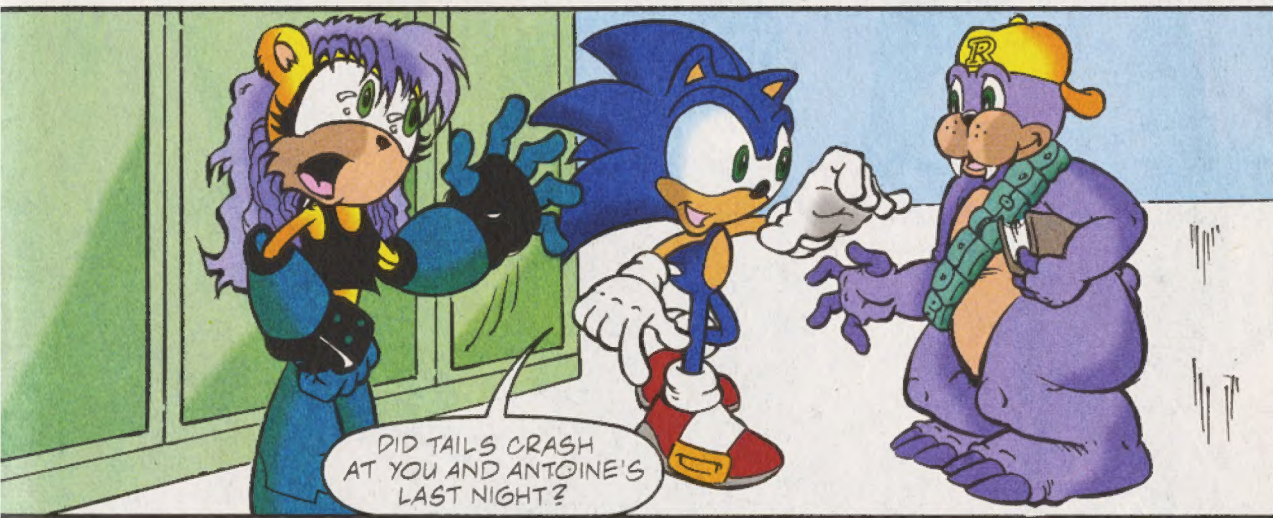
WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO EVERYTHING REALLY FAST?



I CAN'T CONTROL IT LIKE--

SONIC!

S'UP ROTOR?



DID TAILS CRASH AT YOU AND ANTOINE'S LAST NIGHT?



NOPE. NEITHER DID ANTOINE.



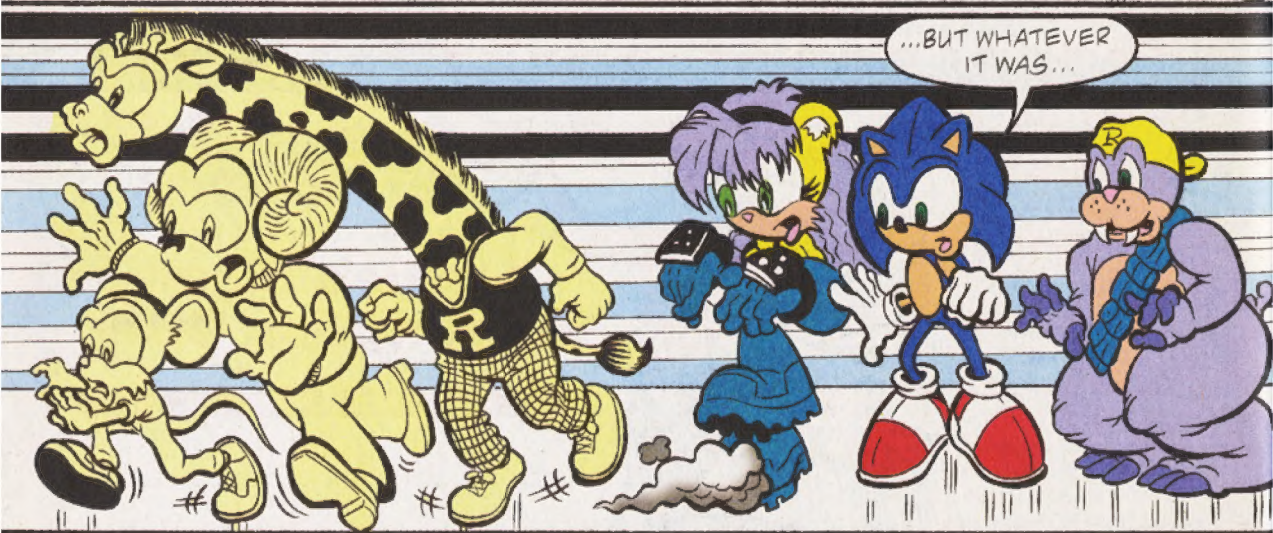
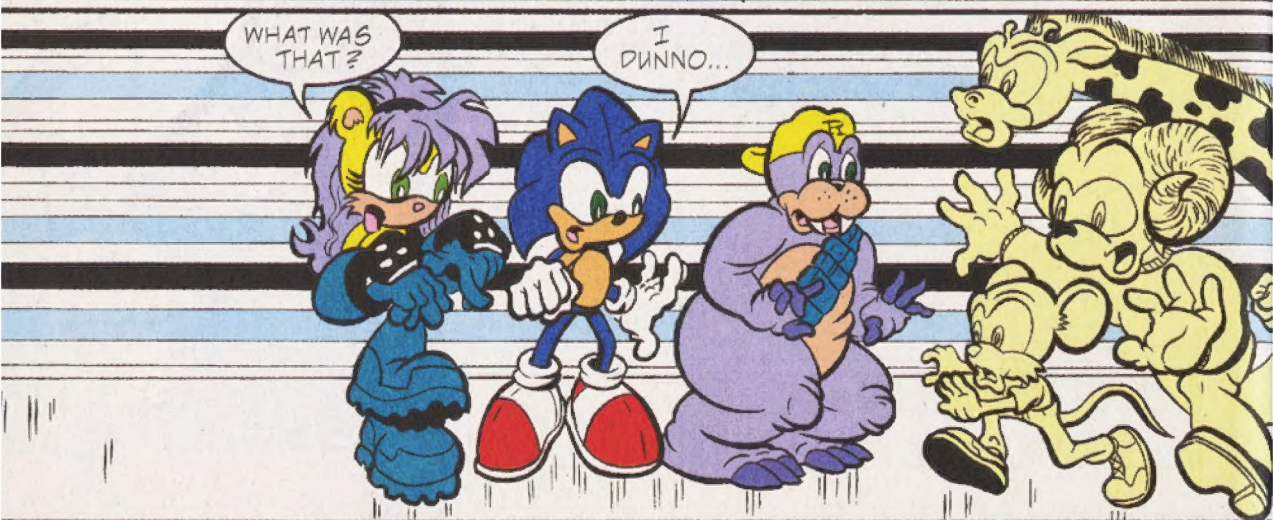
THIS IS GETTING ME WORRIED-- I HAVEN'T SEEN THE L'IL GUY SINCE YESTERDAY.



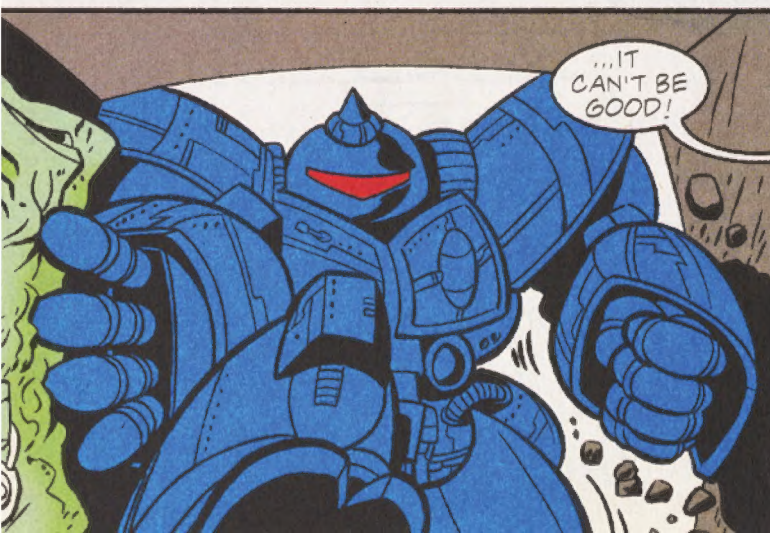


WHAT WAS THAT?

I DUNNO...



...BUT WHATEVER IT WAS...

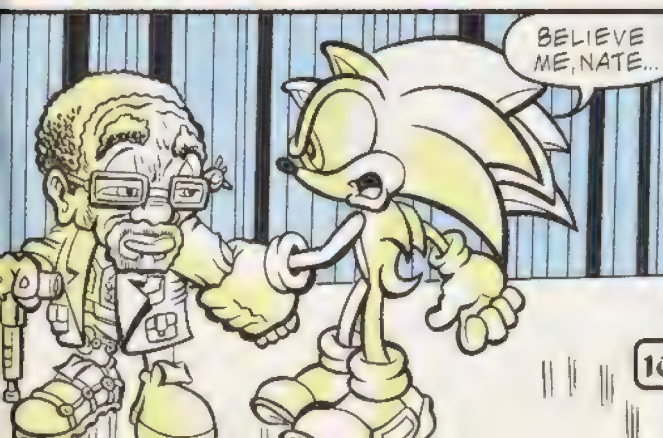
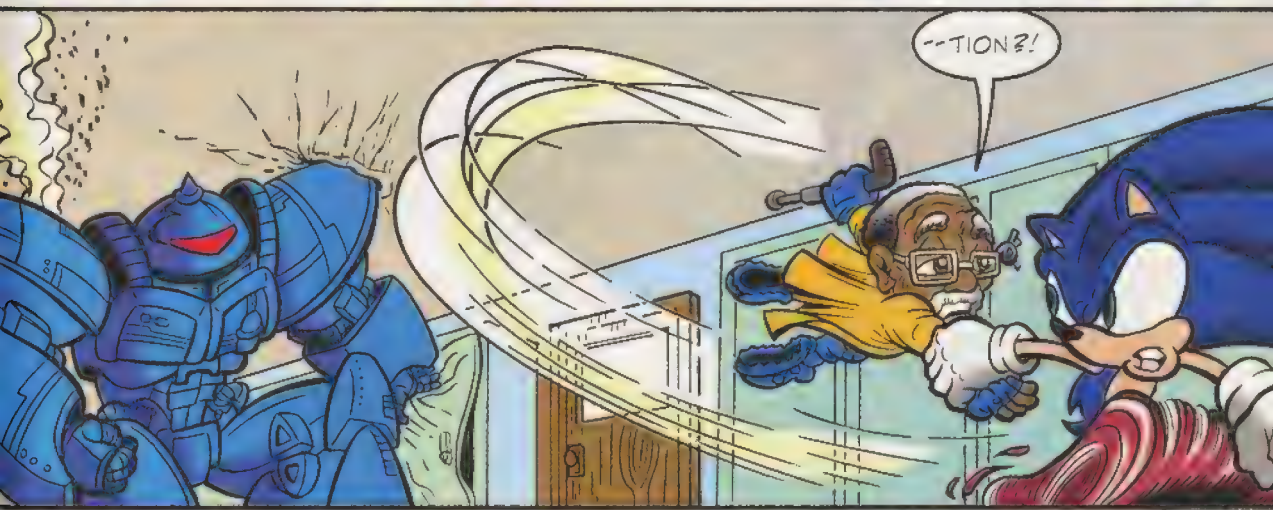
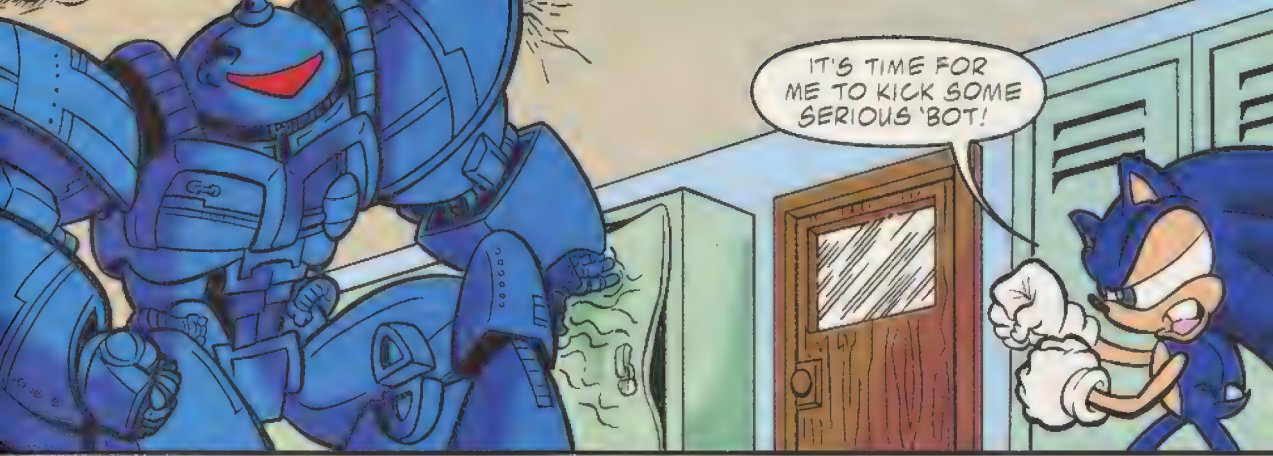


...IT CAN'T BE GOOD!

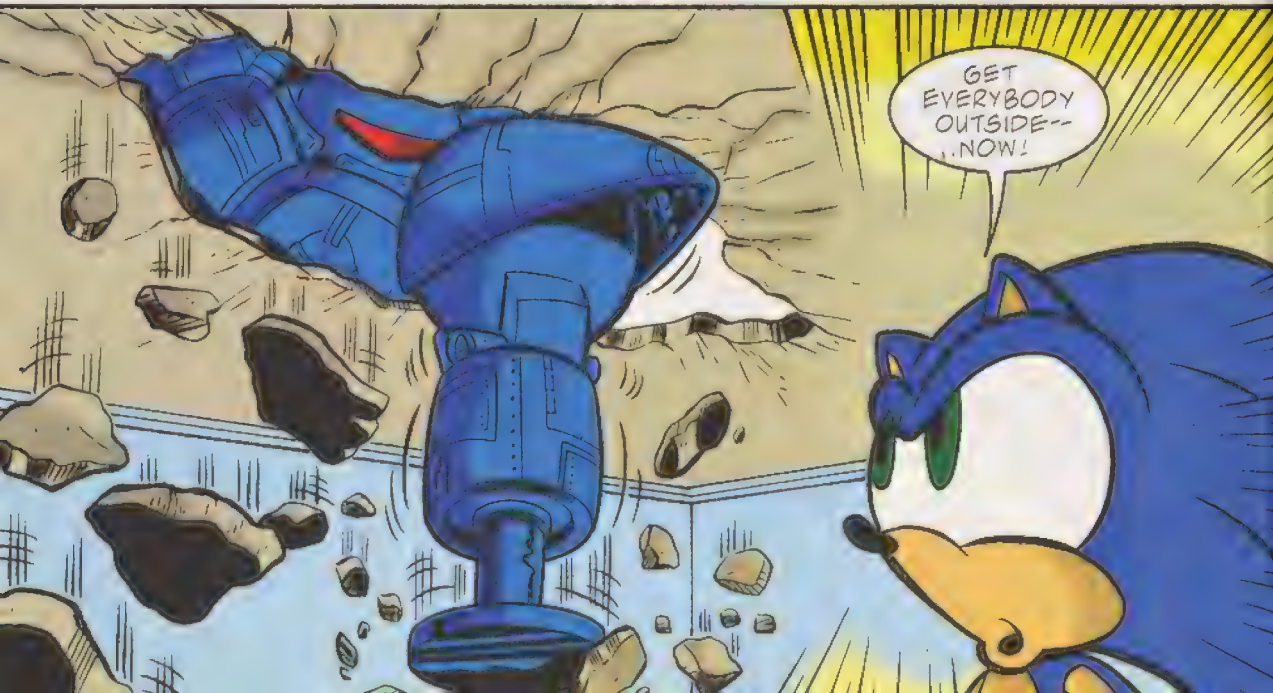
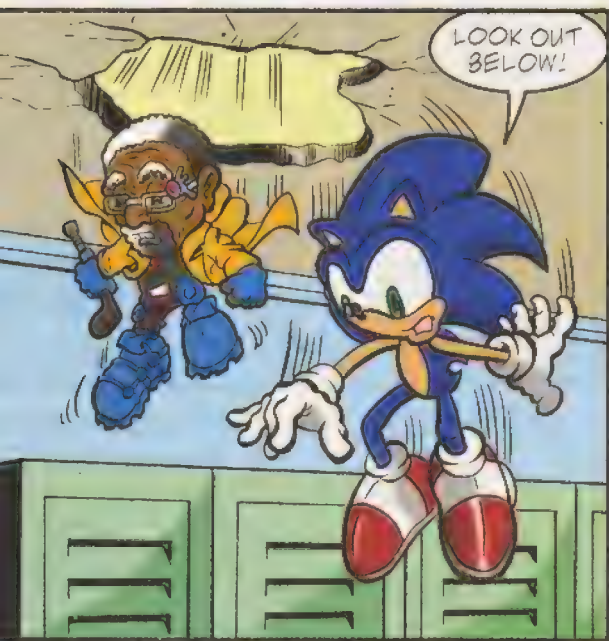
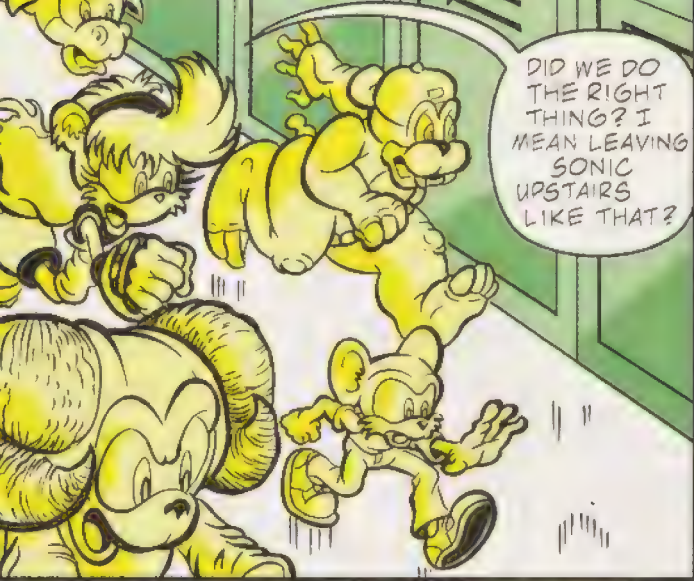


LIKE I WAS SAYIN'... MINA... ROTOR... WILL YOU EXCUSE ME?

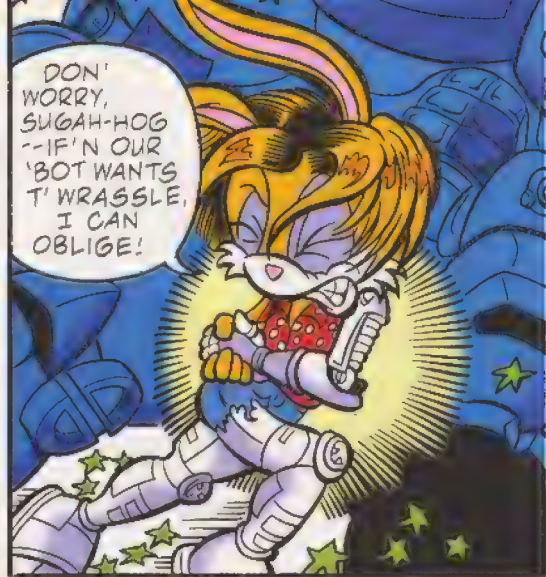
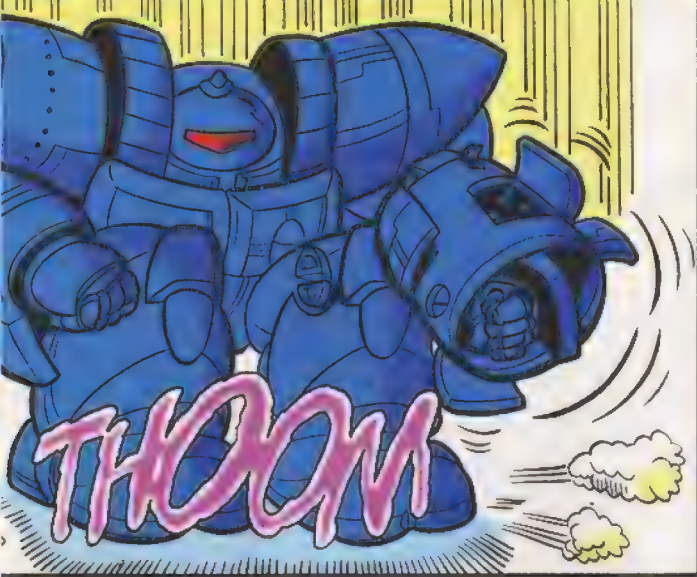




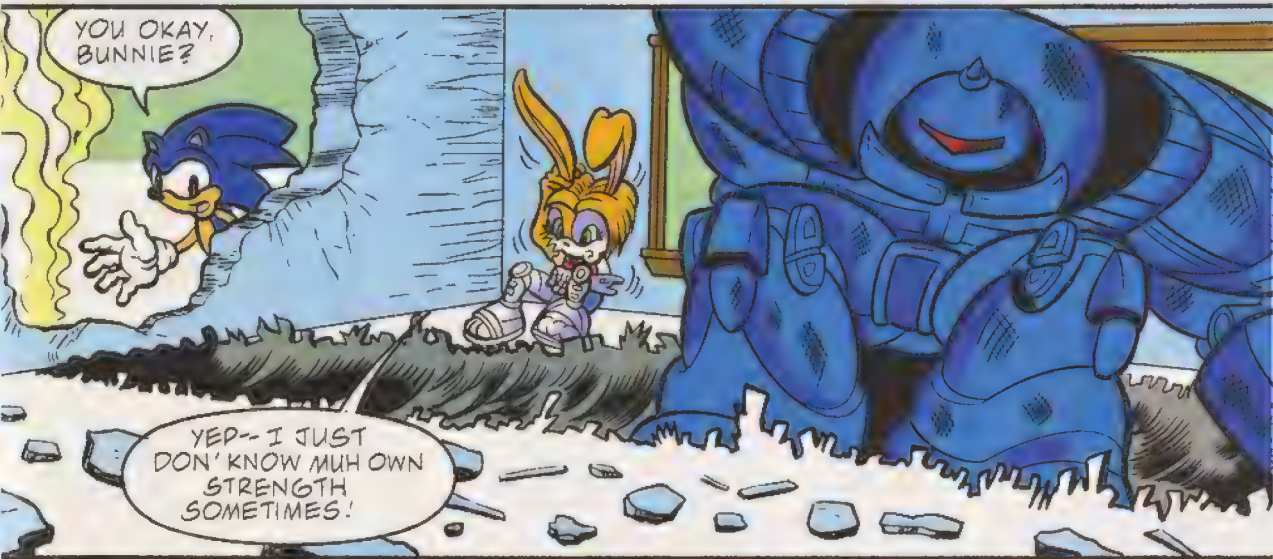








DON' WORRY, SUGAH-HOG --IF 'N OUR 'BOT WANTS T' WRASSLE, I CAN OBLIGE!



YOU OKAY, BUNNIE?

YEP-- I JUST DON' KNOW MUH OWN STRENGTH SOMETIMES!



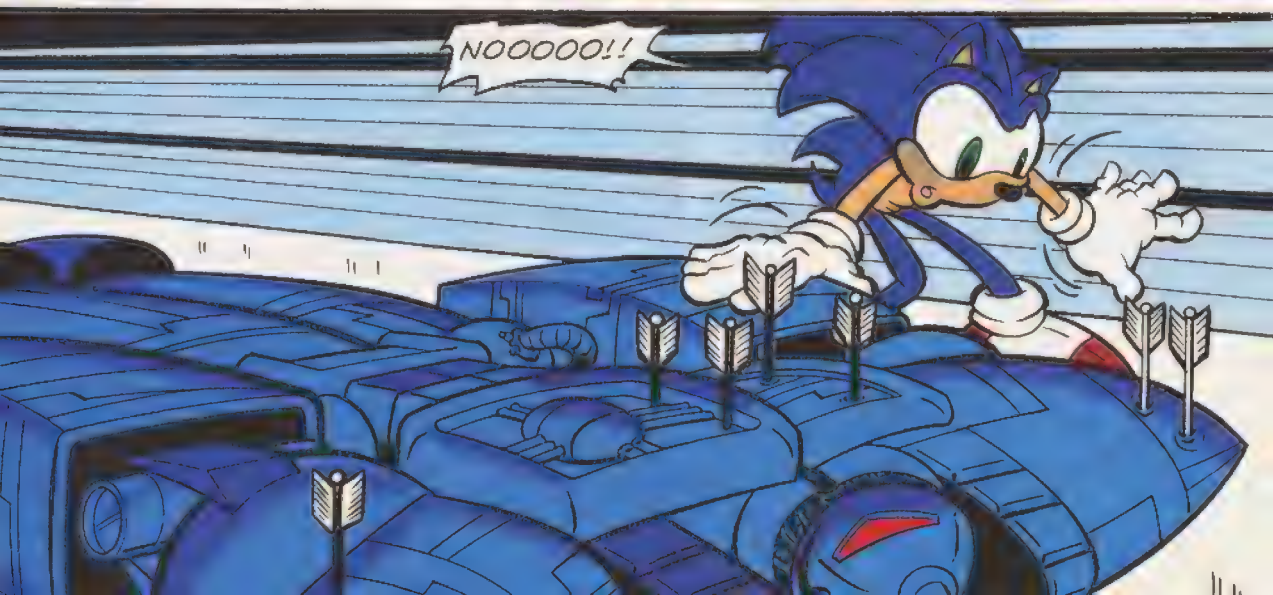
I DUNNO HOW YOU FOUND KNOTHOLE, 'BOT-- BUT NO DOUBT ROBOTNIK'S HOT ON YOUR HEELS.

HE'S PROBABLY GOT TAILS, TOO. WELL THAT DOES IT!



SONNY-BOY, IF YOU GET THIS MESSAGE, IT MEANS THIS SHADOW-BOT'S FOUND YOU. NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY...

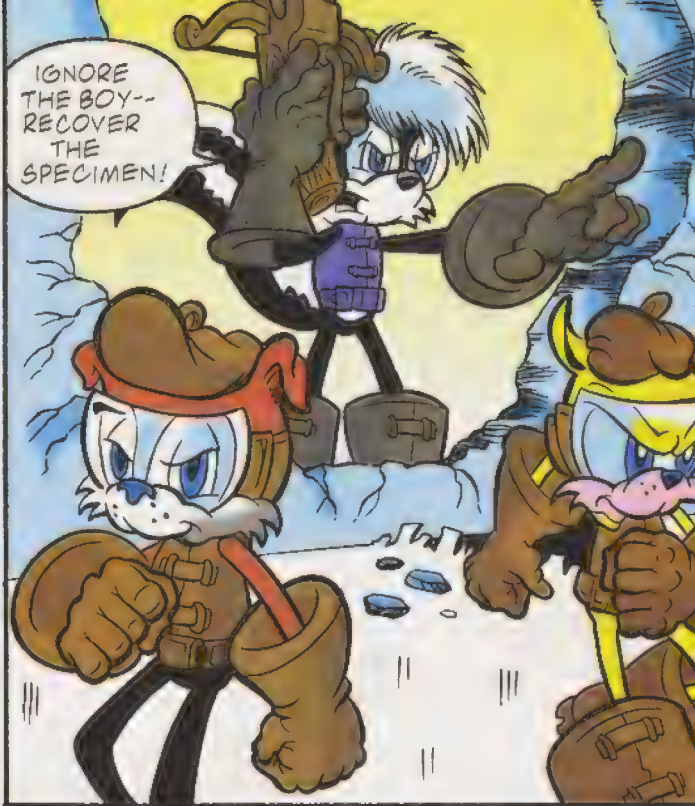




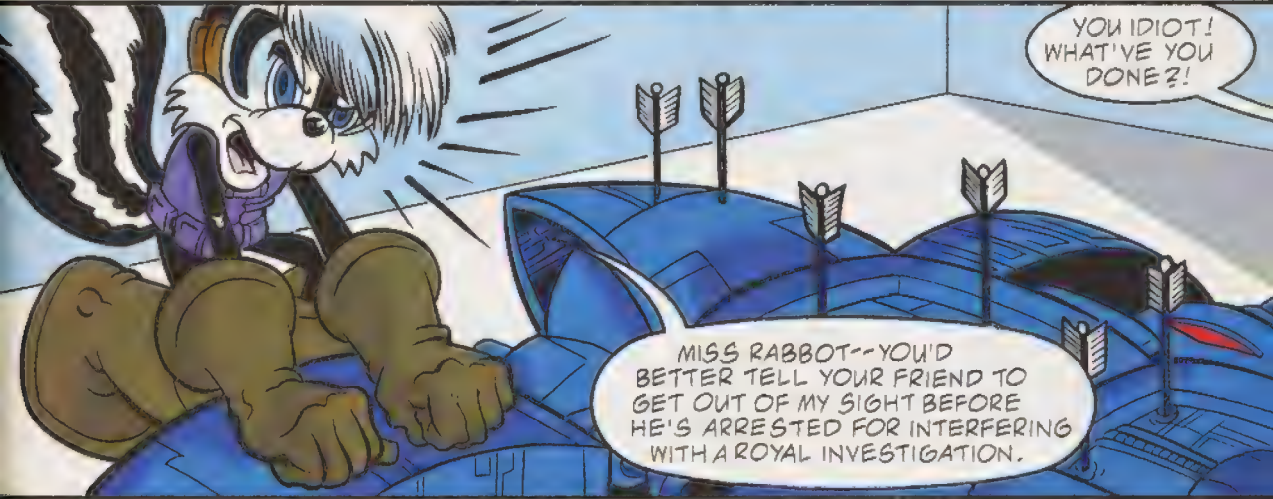




YOU!



IGNORE THE BOY--  
RECOVER THE SPECIMEN!

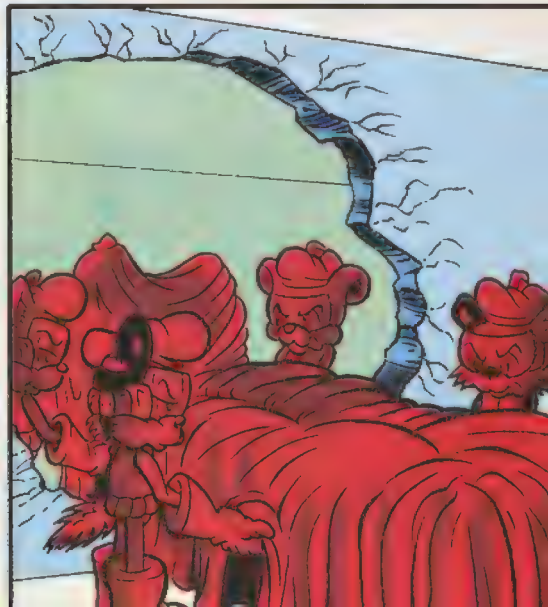


YOU IDIOT!  
WHAT'VE YOU DONE?!

MISS RABBIT--YOU'D BETTER TELL YOUR FRIEND TO GET OUT OF MY SIGHT BEFORE HE'S ARRESTED FOR INTERFERING WITH A ROYAL INVESTIGATION.

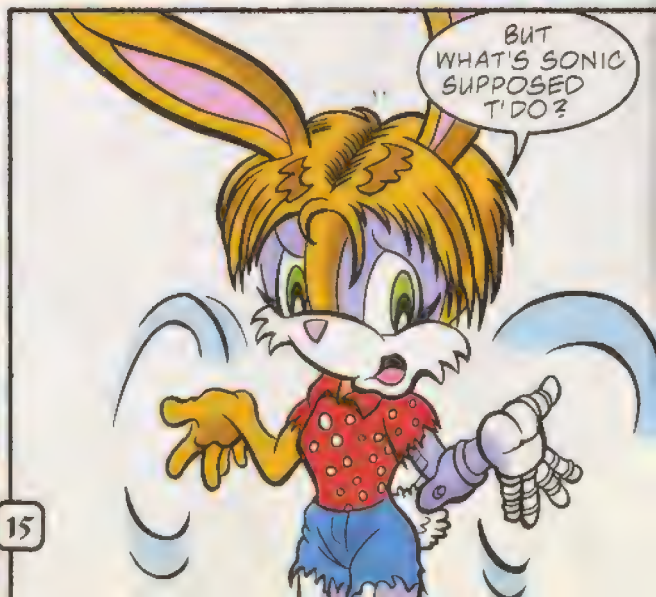


NO, SONIC ...LEAVE IT ALONE.  
PLEASE.



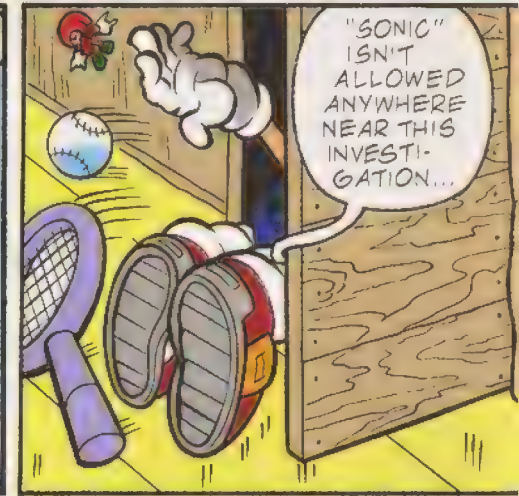
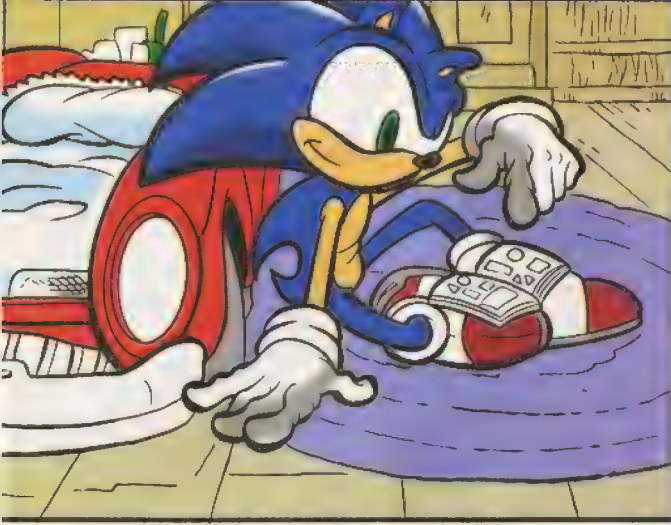


LATER.





"IT'S PROBABLY BETTER FOR HIM TO FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ON OTHER THINGS FOR NOW..."



TO BE CONTINUED...



Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT NOW

**KNUCKLES**

IS EVOLVING INTO SOMETHING MORE--MUCH MORE--

--AND NO ONE YET KNOWS WHAT THAT COULD MEAN FOR EVERYONE WHO DWELLS ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!

MY NEPHEW LIES BEFORE ME UNCONSCIOUS, AT HAIR--

--AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!

WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

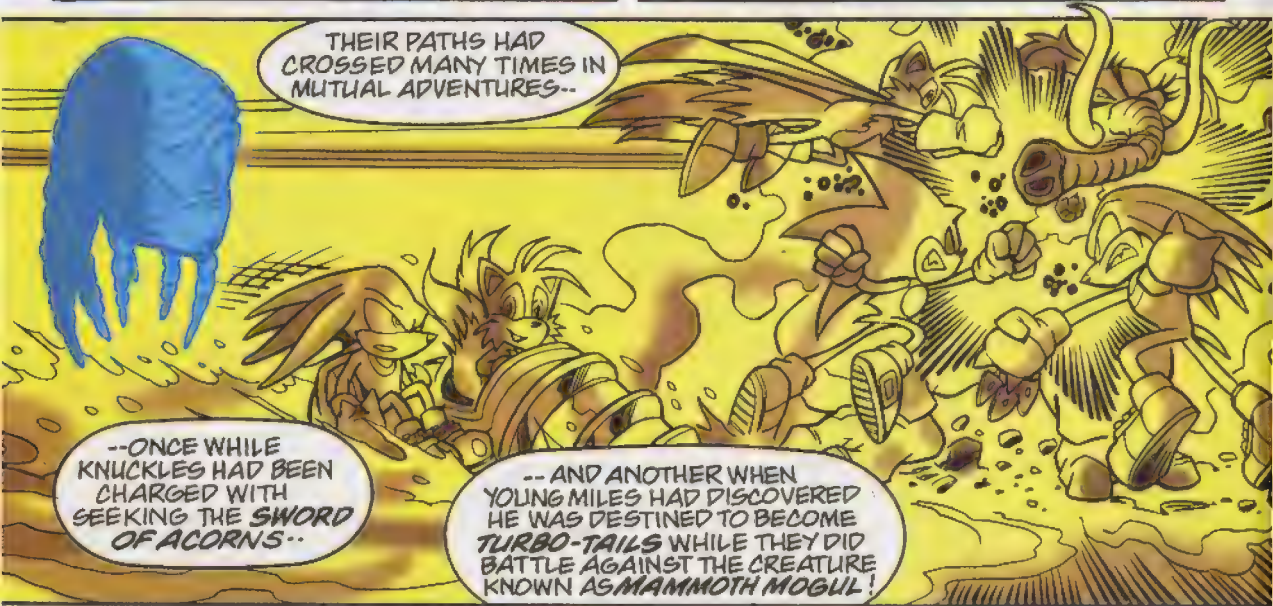
THE BLAME IS MINE, BUT THAT DOESN'T DENY ONE PERTINENT FACT--

YOUNG MILES MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE MY GREAT-GRANDSON!

# The Chosen One

ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED STORY BY  
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**OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!**  
I'VE ALREADY LOST A **BROTHER!**  
I WON'T LOSE HIS **ONLY SON** AS WELL!

BUT THE **PROPHECIES--!**



**DON'T YOU DARE LECTURE ME ABOUT THE PROPHECIES!!!**  
HOW MANY **ACTUALLY** CAME **TRUE** WHEN YOU **SHEPHERDED** THE **CLANSMEN**?!! \*

\* AS RELATED IN "THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE" PRESENTED IN **KNUCKLES #10** THROUGH **12--Justin**



THE PROBLEM LAY NOT IN THE PROPHECIES, BUT IN THE **INTER-PRATER!**

MY SIN WAS THE **ARROGANCE** OF A BELIEF THAT I ALONE COULD PROTECT MY FAMILY FROM HARM!



HAD I UNDERSTOOD WHAT PART **FREE WILL** PLAYS--

**FATHERRR...**

**ATHAIR!!**  
DID YOU **HEAR**?!!

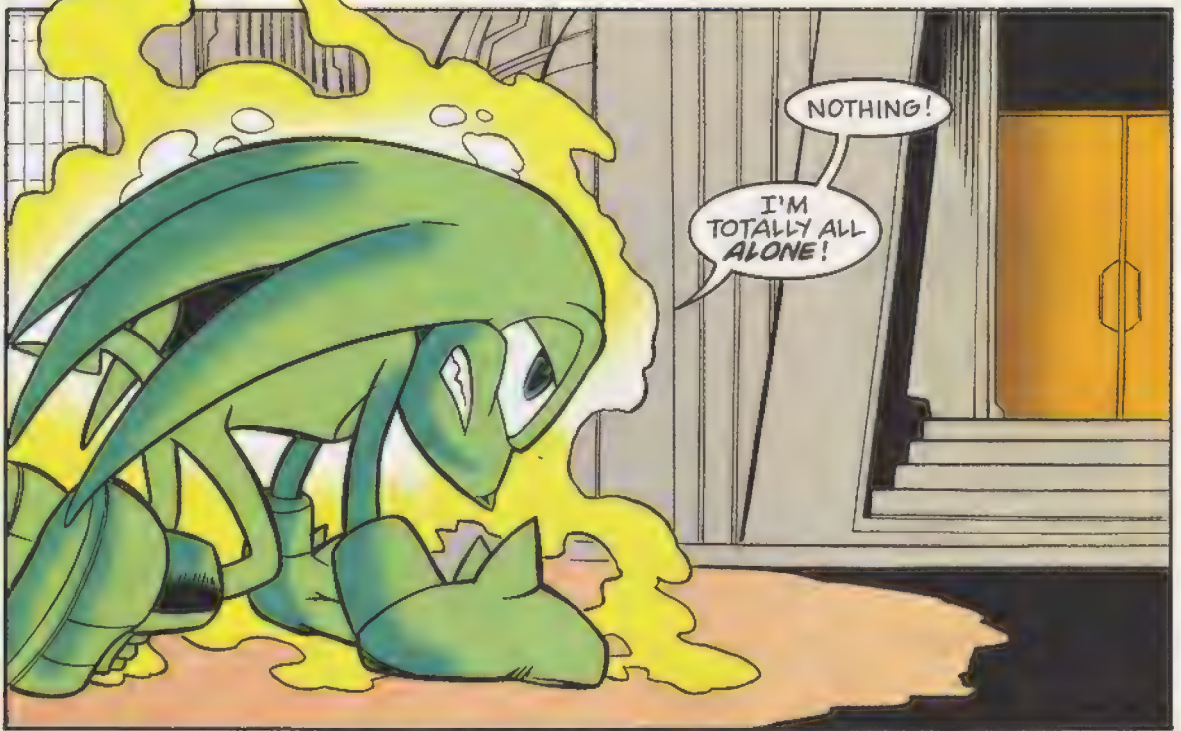


**MOTHERRR...**  
**JULE-SUU...**

**SUCH ANGLISH!!!**  
WHERE IS THE **POOR** CREATURE **CRYING** OUT FROM?!!

**ANYONE...?**





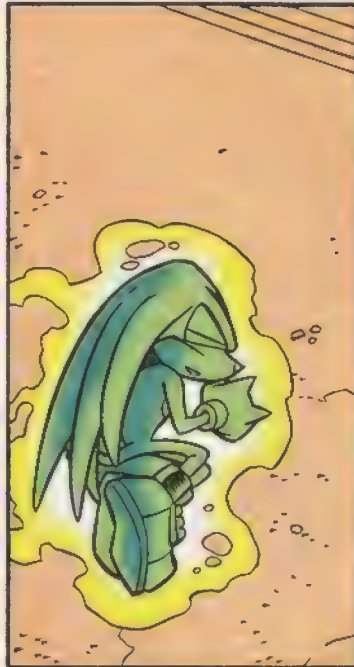
NOTHING!

I'M  
TOTALLY ALL  
ALONE!



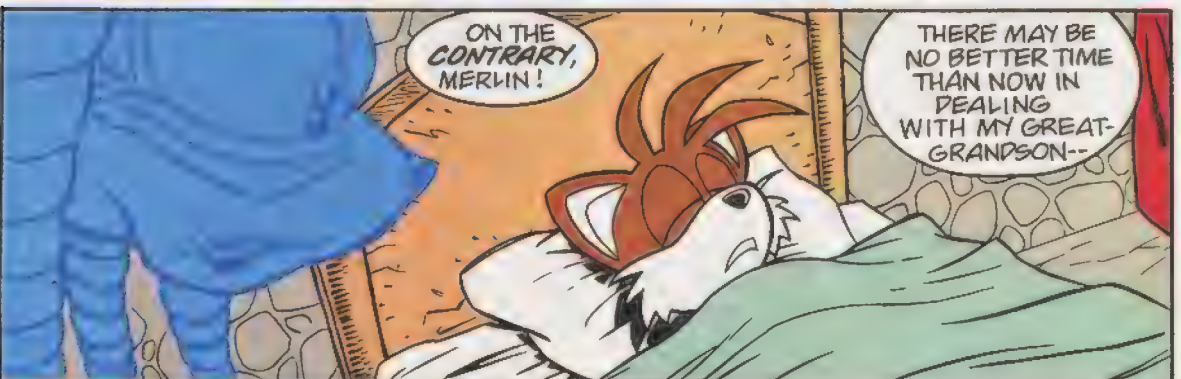
SO  
TIRED.

MAYBE  
IF I CAN  
SLEEP...



AND NOW--  
NOTHING!

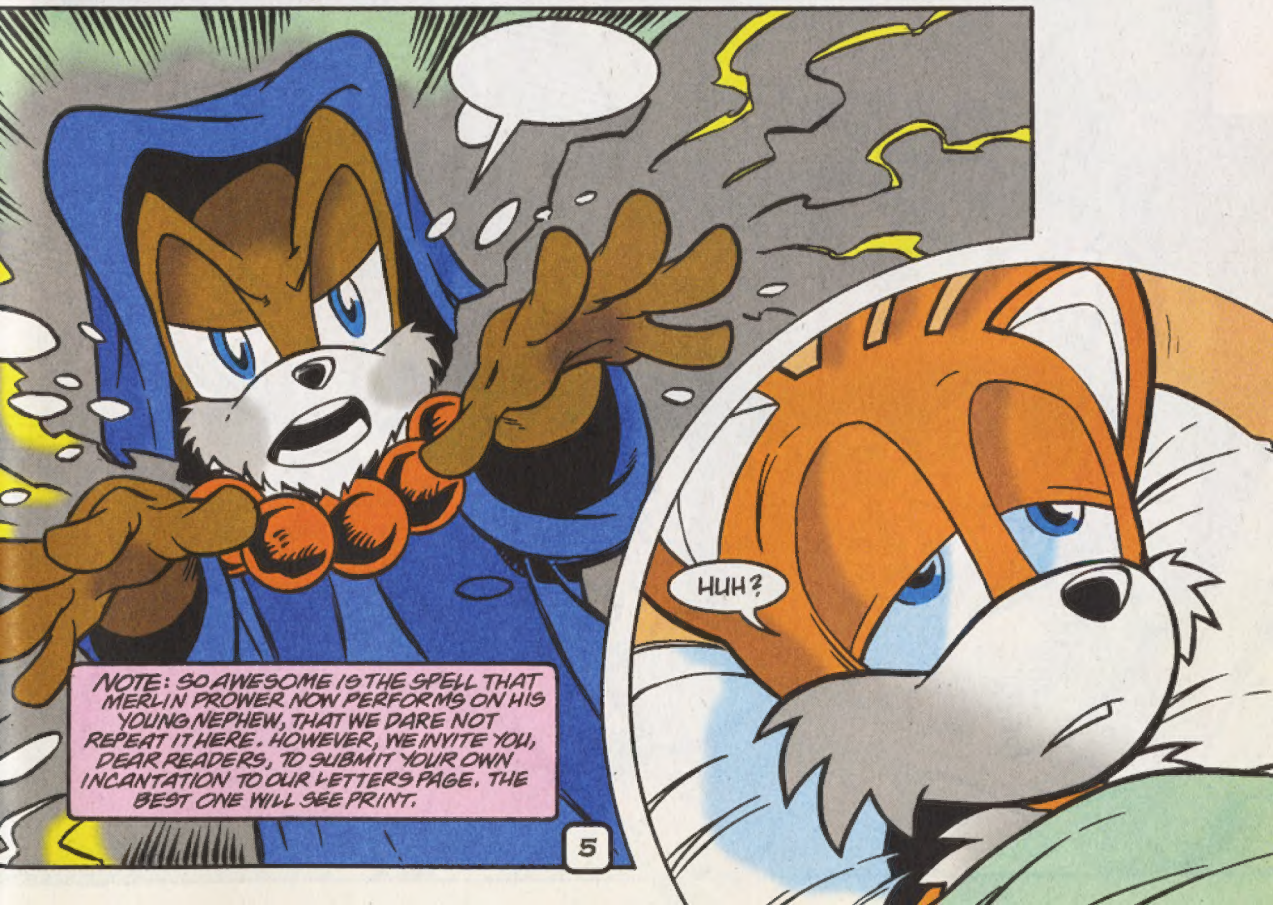
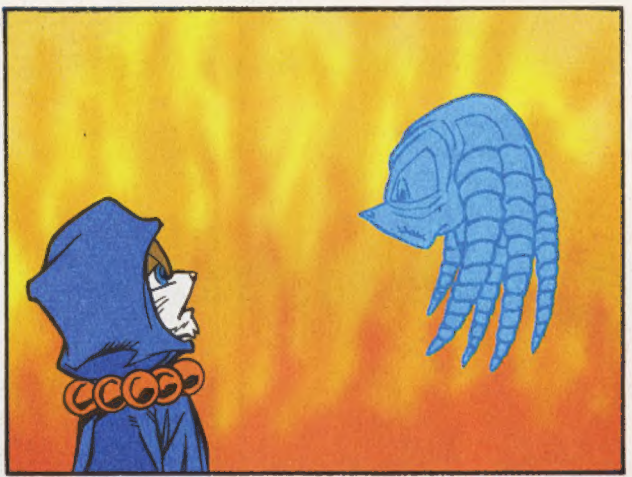
AREN'T YOU  
CONCERNED,  
ATHAIR?



ON THE  
CONTRARY,  
MERLIN!

THERE MAY BE  
NO BETTER TIME  
THAN NOW IN  
DEALING  
WITH MY GREAT-  
GRANDSON--

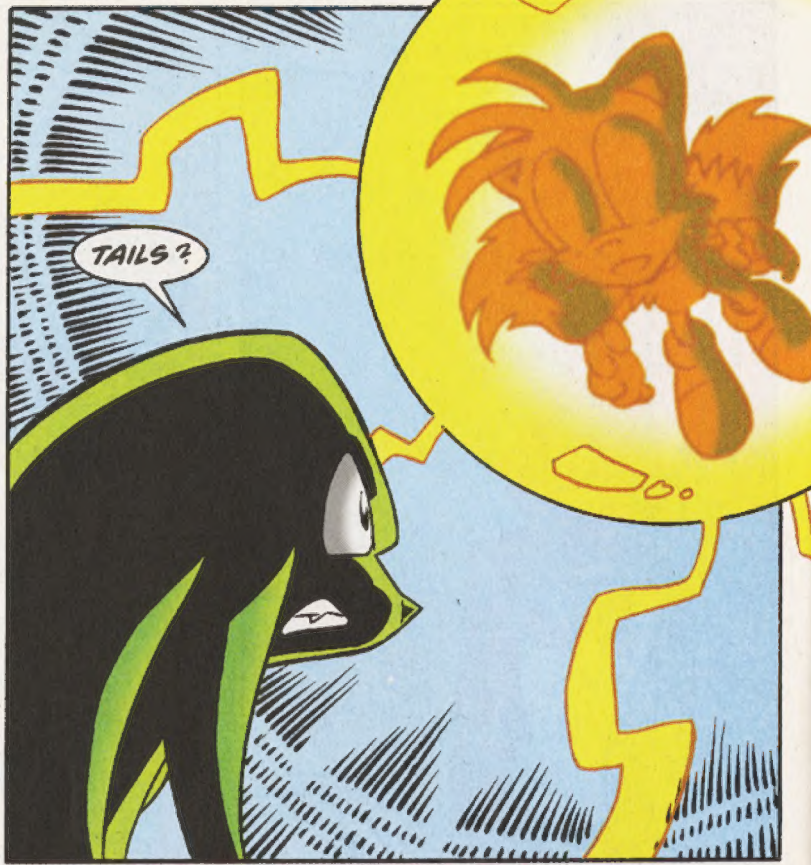








HUH?



TAILS?



THE FORM  
MAY BE DIFFERENT,  
BUT IT'S STILL ME,  
KNUCKLES!

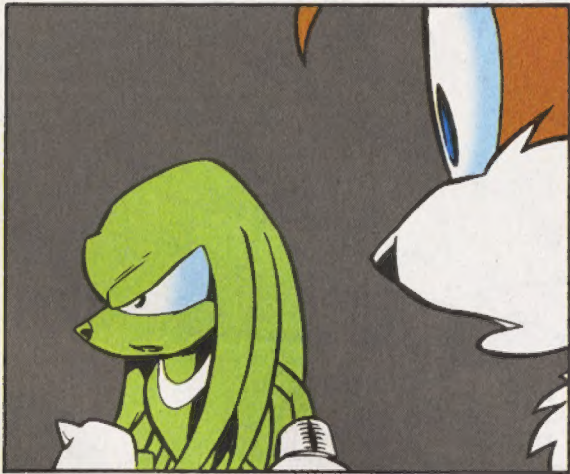


BUT--  
HOW?

DOES IT  
MATTER?

C'MON!  
WE NEED TO  
TALK!







YOU'RE NOT  
HERE TO **HELP**  
ME AT ALL, ARE  
YOU?

# WHAM!

WOOF!

I'M SORRY,  
KNUCKLES--

--BUT I DON'T THINK  
YOU CAN TELL **FRIEND** FROM  
**FOE** RIGHT NOW!!

SAYS WHO?

ANY MUG WHO  
DECKS ME SURE AIN'T  
A FRIEND--

--SO YOU BETTER  
GET READY TO  
**RUMBLE!!!**

**NEXT: DEATHMATCH  
ECHIDNA STYLE!!!  
C-YA IN 30!!!**